New Hanover County School

School Mental Health Committee Meeting Record

September 17, 2012

**PRESENT**: Susan Cole, Amy Horgan, Karen Laughlin, Donna Lynn Pleasants, Bill Trant

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

* Amy reported that CoastalCare began as the new local mental health agency on July 1, since the last meeting. Operations have begun to move from the 17th Street location to the Shipyard location (former BellSouth and Time Warner Bldg.). Transition is expected to be complete by December 1.
* Amy discussed the change from Targeted Case Management to Care Coordination
* Because of the MCO status, exchange of information about children among schools, juvenile justice, mental health and social services should improve.
* Karen reported that she has been hired as the regional contact for the Exceptional Children Assistance Center (ECAC). She will continue to serve on the School Mental Health Committee representing ECAC and CHADD.
* There has been turnover of several therapists from the school mental health programs. Both the Health Department and Learning Perspectives have vacancies to fill or have recently filled some.

**NEXT STEPS**

* Bill reviewed the updated School Mental Health Wiki site located at <http://school-mental-health-committee.wikispaces.com/>.
* Each Gap Committee leader present discussed changes to the Action Plan and future actions:
  + Prevention Gap #1- Lisa
    - Plan posted; will add information about additional modules
  + Prevention Gap #2 – Susan and Mike
    - Plan posted; plan has gotten a boost from state’s Common Core and Essential Standards initiative
  + Treatment Gap #1 – Bill
    - Plan posted; may need more attention to sustaining as well as expanding; Bill will check on the status of Virgo and Hoggard
  + Treatment Gap #2 – Suzanne and Amy
    - Plan to be posted by the next meeting; actions will likely focus on: local control afforded by the MCO status, use of some planned qualitative tools, orientation systems for new providers, pilot a coordination efforts with Access Academy
* Some committee members have departed. Areas needing representation were discussed. Current members are asked to suggest candidates who can help move committee’s mission forward. Some candidates discussed: Kristin Jackson, Access Academy, LeCris, Carolina Support, Learning Perspectives, Judy Stubblefield. Susan agreed to contact the first four for representation and Bill will contact the last two.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**December 17, 2012**

**9:00 – 11:00**

**Spencer 102**

**Remaining meeting dates for the year: March 11, 2013 and June 17, 2013. Time and location are the same as above. Please mark your calendars.**